

I believe that it is not in the best interests of the American people to allow the ownership of broadcast/and/or newspaper outlets to be broadened. To cite a very basic example. The two papers in the Ashland/Medford area are now owned by the same company. This has resulted in very poor news coverage of both national and local news. Both papers now write from the same viewpoint and articles, letters to the editor and even some editorials will appear first in one paper and then in the other. I have always subscribed to both papers in order to see more than one side of an issue. I have lost that. More and more, I find that it is difficult to get a balanced perspective on current events from what environmental areas are/and/or should be protected and why to what the government is doing without really letting us know.

Please do not broaden the requirements for ownership of broadcast and news outlets. We need more differences in our news sources not fewer.

Thank you for your careful consideration of these changes. Remember that the airways are supposed to be used to the public good not as monopolies.